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Counsel,

I inadvertently failed to send you the attached notes taken by the FBI of trial preparation interviews I conducted of Mary Jo Rugwell.

My apologies for this oversight.

Dan

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Mary Jo Russell - Schwes

11/3/17

Taylor Grazing Act

- 1937 Fed govt began reg. grazing
- a lot of over grazing in west causing environ. damage
- 1973-1993 - Bunkerhill allotment - 30-150 ^{AUM} grazing permit
- ephemeral permit - depends on weather / vegetation
- AUM - amt forage animal can eat / mo.
- currently 1.50 / AUM

no permits for Bunkerhill since 1993

CB could have gotten permit but he refused

CC paid all ranchers lump sum to no longer graze

Bunkerhill Allotment ~ 135,000 acres

cattle on golf course in Mesquite - major

people using recreational land complained

LVR's reporter called regularly

fewal cattle - concerned for safety, cattle on highway

a lot of ranchers who did pay their fees - not fair

Bundy neighbors - why Bundy graze w/o permit when others can't

damage to petroglyphs by cattle

cattle stay on banks of Virgin River - erode, water quality ↓

cattle staying in same area - destroys vegetation, soil crusts

erosion, prevents other things from growing

never spoke to Reid directly spoke to Korte

conduct range land monitoring to determine AUM

TC - CB would do whatever it took to protect his property

- personal friend of CB

range land in the area - community asked why BLM did not

have FBI threat assessment - didn't think CB a threat ^{act}

CB - sent constructive notices to BLM, sheriff, commissioners

"if you take the cattle, you will lose"

"armed for show"

range improvement - if have permit - can install structures to help manage cattle

- corral, water

- he was continuing to put range improvements on the land

impoundment

- structure similar to fire fighting

- resource specialists

- supervisors

- LEs

2012 - closure of area

- 1st 1A area - PIO idea - to keep people safe

- near ICP

Rugwell, Schiess, docl, Mike

10/24/17

district mgr S. NV

- permitting grazing

knows CB, 1st briefing re long standing cattle trespass since 90s w/ CB
- due to concerns of potential violence, nothing done

received call from T. Collins, assoc. of CB

LE am. BUM created 70s

Reid - Korne - public policy advisor, 2008

↳ why hasn't BUM done anything

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